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THE WAR. KRITZINGER'S DEFEAT. DRIVEN ACROSS THE ORANGE RIVER.

Orange, Aug. 16.—Col. Goring, after his engagement with Kritzinger on Tuesday afternoon, closely followed him, and drove him across the Orange River on Thursday morning with about 100 followers. In the engagement about 20 Boers were killed, and Kritzinger's secretary, with all his private papers, was captured. The commando is said to have split into two small parties.—Reuter.

BATTLE PENDING.

4,000 BOERS HEMMED IN.
The expected engagement with Botha and his 4,000 is not yet reported, but it is announced in a Durban message that Gen. Kitchener is reported to be moving against him. "The Standard" correspondent at Durban says that a despatch from Nkandla, in Zululand—dated Aug. 16, states that a decisive engagement was expected to take place at Babanango on the following day. A force of Boers, estimated to number 4,000 strong, was practically hemmed in by Gen. Walter Kitchener.

A SHARP FIGHT.

A Reuter's message from Bloemfontein describes a night attack by South Australian Bushmen on a farmhouse, in which five Boers were killed, nine wounded, and seven captured, while eight wounded men got away.

GENERAL BOTHA AND THE PROCLAMATION.

A Brussels despatch to "The Mail" says: "Important correspondence is taking place between Gen. Botha and Lord Kitchener regarding the latter's proclamation."

BOER NOTE TO THE POWERS.

"The Frankfurter Zeitung" publishes the following despatch from its own correspondent in Brussels:—"The Brussels Legation of the Transvaal Government has sent a further Note to the Powers protesting against Lord Kitchener's proclamation." Mr. Kruger's protest against Lord Kitchener's proclamation will be based, it is said, upon Articles 7 and 20 of the Hague Peace Convention, interdicting confiscation of private property by belligerents. The protest will add that the responsibility of further events must be cast on the Great Powers, if the European Governments continue to tolerate the violation of International Law by the British Government.

BOER CAMP SURPRISED.

A Cape Town despatch says that a small column of the Duke of Edinburgh's Volunteers and the 2nd Welsh M.I. made a forced march from Prieska, and surprised a Boer camp at Middleburgh. The enemy fled in the darkness, abandoning everything, including 80 horses and a large quantity of ammunition. Eight Boers were captured.

IN THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY.

Bennet Barleigh, "The Telegraph" special correspondent, in a message from Bloemfontein, says: "The latest proclamation has been made known and distributed to the Boer commandants. Already inquiries are being made as to what treatment will be meted out to those coming in. Moreover, burghers arrive daily in towns and surroundings. Commandant Malan is now near Edenburg, apparently with about 100 men. He is probably trying to recruit his men, and is well mounted, having also spare horses. The Boers in this Colony are now widely scattered, in relatively small bands of ten, to the north-west along the Modder River."

PILCHER AND PLUMMER.

A telegram from Bloemfontein, dated August 15, says Col. Pilcher has sent 150 refugees to Edenburg. A large number of Boer prisoners have been arriving daily during the last ten days. Col. Plummer has captured a large number of prisoners north of Kimberley.

THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

PARLIAMENTARY RETURN.
A further return of the numbers of persons in the camps of refuge in S. Africa in July last was issued as a Parliamentary paper yesterday. In Natal there were 516 men, 907 women, 1,515 children, all white, and seven coloured; in Cape Colony, 22 men, 22 women, 257 children, white, and three coloured women; in the Orange River Colony there were 5,351 men, 11,313 women, 20,123 children, white, and 2,522 men, 7,947 women, 12,431 children, coloured; in the Transvaal, 9,063 men, 20,012 women, 34,022 children, white, and 517 men, 300 women, 335 children, coloured. The totals in the four camps were: White, 39,940; coloured people, 24,467. The deaths during the month were:—In Natal, 10 white children; Cape Colony, one white child; Orange River Colony, 50 men, 69 women, 229 children, white,

KITCHENER PUTS HIS FOOT DOWN.

and 43 men, 49 women, 164 children, coloured; Transvaal, 51 men, 118 women, 748 children, white, and seven coloured persons, the total deaths being 1,415 whites, and 363 coloured people. The mortality among the children in Orange River Colony was mainly due to a severe epidemic of measles at Kroonstad, Springfontein, Kimberley, Aliwal, Bloemfontein, and to pneumonia supervening during excessively cold weather.

LIVERPOOL TO HONOUR GEN. BULLER.

Gen. Buller has been selected to receive an illuminated address from Liverpool admirers. This recognition of Buller's services has been promoted by working men. In a letter to the secretary, the General expresses deep gratitude for such recognition of his services, and although his visit to Liverpool must be deferred for some time, he feels proud to think that he will have the honour of receiving this token of respect and esteem from his friends in that city.

LATEST CASUALTIES.

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After years of patient study, and delving into the
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**"THE PEOPLE"
MIXTURE.**

In London 2,322 births and 1,636 deaths were registered last week. The births were 241 and the deaths 168 below the average. The average death-rate per 1,000 from all causes fell again last week to 18.8. The 1,236 deaths included 46 from small-pox, 49 from measles, 34 from diphtheria, and 367 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Different forms of violence caused 37 deaths, concerning 161 but four of which inquests were held.

Of these 77 deaths 12 were cases of suicide, and five of homicide, while the remaining 50 were attributed to accident or negligence.

Four of these were referred to vehicles in the streets, 10 to burns and scalds, 16 to drowning, one to sunstroke, three to the effects of anaesthetics, and three to suffocation in bed.

In Greater London 3,383 births and 2,368 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 24.7 and 18.7 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 53 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 22.2 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,463,028 persons in the middle of this year.

In 1812 only 400 English people were assessed at 45,000 a year and 10,000 assessed at 45,000 a year and 10,000 assessed at 45,000 a year and 10,000 assessed at 45,000 a year.

The Cross of the French Legion of Honour has been bestowed on 3 persons.

A balance of gold was worth 150s. and silver in the year 1820. It would buy 210s. in 1900.

There are 28,394 juvenile temperance societies in the British Islands with a membership of 2,335,000.

Of Great Britain's total trade 91 per cent. is English, nearly eight per cent. Scotch, and very little ever one per cent. Irish.

British house property grows in value at the rate of 60 millions a year. The average rent of a British house is £21.

The Banks of England, Ireland, and Scotland have Royal charters; but only the first two lend money to the Government.

Out of £4, the amount spent yearly on an acre of farm land, the average profit is only £1 6s., and if rent is deducted only 4s.

The largest cemetery in the world is at Rockwood, in Australia. It covers 2,000 acres, of which only 2 have been used so far.

25 per cent. of England's population are men capable of bearing arms, 10 per cent. of Ireland's, 24 of Germany's, and 27 of Austria's.

The longest bridge in the world is the Southwark Bridge is only 800ft. long and Hammarfirth 480ft.

Devonshire butter averages nearly 38 per cent. of fat and only 16 per cent. Ordinary London butter has only 47 of fat and 42 per cent. water.

The hottest springs in Europe are the Italian baths of Nero, where the water in 1824e. The springs at Bagni 1154e.

In aid of the funds of the L. at B.W.R. Orphanage an adventurous excursion to Bourdeaux, the North Fore, and Southampton, has been arranged for Aug. 23.

Peco holds the record as a mining country. She has 2,508 mines, of which 70,000 workmen dig gold, silver, sulphur, coal, phosphate, quicksilver, borax, copper, lead, and petroleum.

In 1862 the speed record on a high road was 20 miles in an hour and 15 minutes. Behind a motor pace rider has recently covered 40 miles an hour.

In Russia there are only 740 newspapers, one to every 170,000 people. Of these 589 are in Russian, 69 are 41 German, 9 French, 5 Armenian.

The largest nest in the world built by the mouse bird, a sort of Australian fowl. It makes more sometimes 150ft. in circumference which it buries its eggs five feet deep.

The paper money of the first French Republic was based on the weight of that of any other country of gold. A pair of boots costs £300 paper, and a pound of butter £300.

People are most liable to fever between the ages of 15 and 20. One hundred and nine out of every 1,000 are of that age. There are 10 and five and one per cent. 55.

Mr. Julius Borge writes from Westchester, N.Y., wishing us to state that he is in no way connected with the man giving a similar name, I understand at Bow-st.

In the regular army of the United States one in every four is forebore. In the navy the proportion rises to one in two among passengers, and two in five among men.

The marigold is a little weather-phet. If the day is going to be the flower opens about five or o'clock in the morning; but if weather is in store the marigold is not open at all.

At the past 40 years the revenue of Australia has increased 237 per cent. and its debt 781 per cent. All records have, however, been beaten by the Colony, with 310 per cent. increase of trade, and no less than 3,350 per cent. increase of debt.

Lord Minto, the Governor-General of India, has received a letter from Sir Dighton Probyn, Master of the Pury Purse, saying that he gladly consents to accord his patronage to the Canadian Patriotic F.R. Association which His Majesty's Government has done and is doing such good work in Canada.

A new method of escaping from hot nights of the city has been originated by an American who has changed a merchant vessel into a combance of a modern hotel.

The vessel is towed down New York before sunset, and is brought back her pier early enough in the morning to permit the guests to reach the point of business in the usual hour.

The fourth meeting of the Archæological and Archaeological Society of Durham and Northumberland will be held at Northam on Thursday.

visitors will inspect the stone-roofed church built at Lady Kirk by James IV. in performance of a vow, and the 12th century church dedicated to St. Gilbert, afterwards visiting the castle.

The Metropolitan Railway authorities in Paris have this week been using the phonograph as a means of proclaiming the names of stations, directions of trains, and so on.

It is installed upon the platform at the stations, and the passengers can understand with an enormous brass horn its voice is loud and clear, and its repertoire is successful.

The snow flies at the rate of about 25 inches an hour.

Some insects while in the larva state never sleep, but eat incessantly.

Bengal has 49 widows who are under 16 years of age.

British mines give raw material worth £20,000,000 a year.

No person under 16 is permitted to enter a theatre or tavern in Holland.

In France 4,000,000 tons of potatoes are annually used in the manufacture of starch and alcohol.

Auber was the only well-known composer besides Verdi who ever composed an opera after he was 80 years old.

Australia has 176 daily papers; there is just twice the number in Belgium.

In voluntary offerings in churches in England last year amounted to 7½ millions.

Five hundred and thirty thousand persons pay taxes in Berlin. Of these only 12 have incomes of over £50,000.

There are 73 million cubic miles of water in the Atlantic; 141 millions in the Pacific.

Aluminium cost £170 per kilogram in 1850. To-day the same amount is to be bought for 2s. 6d.

Sugar exists not only in the cane, beetroot, plants and trees.

Brooklyn Bridge weighs 34,000 tons. The super-structure alone of the great Forth Bridge weighs 63,000 tons.

The golden eagle has great strength. It lifts and carries off with ease a weight of 80lb.

In every 1,000 bachelors there are 82 who are in every 1,000 married men there are only 18 criminals.

The Mint sweepings last year fetched £23,178, yet the loss in manufacture of coins averages £254 per million of money coined.

An oak-tree of over 500 years old, with 700,000 lbs. of life from the earth below 123 tons of water during the five months it is in leaf.

Taking an average of 10,153 electors for every seat, England has 34 too few M.P.'s, Scotland three too many, and Ireland 31 too many.

British steam trawlers have increased in last 10 years from 250 to 1,000. Last year Hull added 56 and Grimsby 91 to her fishing fleet.

The largest book ever made was the Jubilee address of congratulation to Queen Victoria. It is 18 inches thick, and weighs 63 pounds.

Neither the Duke of Devonshire nor the Duke of York, nor the Earl of Derby possess land in the countries from which they take their titles.

The oldest British peer is the Earl of Perth and Melfort, who is 94. Lord Gwydyr is 91, the Earl of Devon is 90, and Baroness Burdett Coutts 87.

Lord Salisbury was born only nine days after the death of George IV.

England has just missed living in four reigns.

Norway has a greater excess of women over men than any other European country. It amounts to 73,000 at present.

An ordinarily healthy man of 30 years old can lift with both hands, 226 pounds, and support on his shoulders 250 pounds.

To make a year of war and tear good on British gold coins the Mint has to purchase 5,009 ounces of gold at £3 15s. 9½d. an ounce.

There are 36 submarine valleys whose windings show a depth of over three miles, and eight where there is more than four miles of water.

England has 35,916 churches, and 41,230 clergy. Ireland, however, has more churches than clergy, the numbers being 4,540 to 4,110.

There is a ton of French costs in a shilling; quart: fresh milk 7½d. a quart; but fresh wine has lately been sold at a penny a quart.

The value of a farm labourer, estimated at £245 at the age of 23, falls to nothing at 70, and is estimated at £26 of 241 by the time he reaches 80.

There is a coal and iron factory in the world in that belonging to the French Government at Lillo. It turns out 50,000 tons a year.

Seventeen thousand four hundred and ninety-seven umbrellas were brought last year into the East India Company's Office at Scotland Yard, and 4,211 purchased.

Brook, in Holland, holds the record of the world's cleanest town. No horses or dogs are allowed in the streets, and throwing wastepaper against is punishable with a week's imprisonment.

It is interesting to note that no less than 210,000 worth of the opposite four-shilling pieces was withdrawn from circulation last year. Four penny-pieces to the value of £235 were also recaptured by the Mint, and the little coin is now a rarity.

There is a note of music, and the first melody many of the race ever heard, came from that of the birds, were hymns sung by Christian missionaries.

Notwithstanding this, many Japanese have of late years become expert musicians and charming vocalists.

Miniature Bibles are worn as watch chains in Russia. They are each of inch long, three-fourths of an inch wide, and three-eighths of an inch thick, and contain the first five books of the Old Testament. The text is in Hebrew, and can be read with the aid of a magnifying-glass.

The German army has adopted the use of the officer's aid. They are crossing rivers. With 16 seconds the lance six men can build a boat in five minutes, and take it to pieces again in two minutes. The framework of lances is, of course, covered with waterproof canvas. The dikes are made of straw and blades.

Some well-known doctors advise the adoption of a hard bed, and the children should be trained from the beginning to sleep upon no other kind of bed. It is certainly true that as a rule a hard bed conduces to the most refreshing kind of sleep, the feather bed being the favorite of our grandmothers, being operating in 6 to 8 to extreme.

One of the longest gas mains ever laid is a pipe of the Philadelphia & Extending from the gas fields of Wetzel County, W. Va., to Pittsburgh. The pipe is 90 miles in length and 16 inches in diameter. The initial pressure at the wells is about 350lb. and the discharge pressure is from 10lb. to 50lb. With this drop the pipe delivers about 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas per 24 hours.

People who are very dainty at meals have also very dainty appetites of a carvery bird. But a scientific sceptic recently resolved to find out just what the appetite of a canary bird is. He weighed a canary and found it weighed 247 grains, or somewhat less than an ounce. He also weighed all his food, and found that the bird eats 32 times its own weight every month, or actually more than this weight every day.

London's 11,504 canisteries, being one to every 2,700 inhabitants. Rumour has it that Mr. Kipling is preparing a pantomime for next Christmas out of his "Jungle Tale." Mr. Moriarty, City Commissioner of the Metropolis Police, is about to retire on his pension.

Mr. Pierpont Morgan is credited with a scheme for combining all coal mines in the United States.

Earl Grey will distribute the prizes at the annual meeting on board the Velosely training ship, to be held at Southampton, Calcutt and will remain there till about Sept. 20.

There is a revival of the rumour that Earl Cadogan will relinquish the Lord-Endowment of Ireland before the end of the year.

Maj. K. B. Taylor, of the Army Medical Department, has been appointed Chief Ordnance Officer of the Scottish district.

Florence Bacon, a religious fanatic, rushed into the sea at Lowestoft, after her dead body was washed up on the beach.

Spain said to have more sunshine than any other country in Europe. The yearly average is 3,000 hours against England's 1,400.

Just now the same roof at Versailles-Roses, Normandy, shelters a Roman Catholic Archbishop, a Jewish Rabbi, and a Socialist orator.

Another municipal scandal is agitating New York. The police are accused of corruption in connection with gambling-houses, and a detective named Whitney is under arrest.

The farmers and dairymen of Kent and Sussex have decided to raise the price of milk for winter contracts to 1s. per imperial gallon, on account of the low price of hay.

Lord Wolseley has been elected a member of the Council of the Union-Castle Mail Steamship Co., Ltd., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Admiral Sir A. Hoskins.

Lord Roberts had to pay about £350 for his wisdom, says the "General." Another famous blunder, by the way, never paid the £300,000 requested of him for his insignia of the Order of the Golden Fleece.

Thos. Smithers, 44, landlender of the Red Lion, Old Woking, committed suicide by hanging himself from a beam in a stable at the rear of the house, where he was discovered by his 14-year-old son.

Legally a child follows his father's religion. The clerk of the Eton Union said so this week concerning the case of four children abandoned by their Church of England father to the care of their Roman Catholic mother.

John Hicham, 20, of Dorset, Lancashire, and barman at the Central Hotel, Douglas, was sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing £24, monies of the Isle of Man Breweries Co., the proprietors of the hotel.

It is doubtful if the next generation of the British people will ever become "British born" as it is a purely British bird, so rapidly is its acclimatisation spreading to other lands.

"Am Bard" is the title of the latest-born magazine, and if that is not plain enough, it bears a subsidiary title, "Ar Tir agus ar Teanga."

The new magazine is devoted to Gaelic.

Mr. F. C. Burnand, the editor of "Punch," is somewhat seriously indisposed. He has arranged to undergo severe operation next week, after which he will recruit at Ramsgate, where he generally lives.

John Brougher, Para 25, a London printing machine minder, who was to have been married on Sunday, was found drowned at the foot of the cliffs at Rottingdam. The jury at the inquest had no evidence to show how he fell over.

A lad named Gordon, while climbing an iron lattice into his father's orchard near Ballymena, missed his footing, and was impaled on one of the spikes, which entered his stomach, and inflicted such a terrible wound that he died.

The Illinois Piscicultural Society has ordered badly behaved spherical microbe fish of 1-5,000 of an inch—which kills fish by attacking their liver and kidneys. Tainted fish, when eaten by human beings, disseminate such diseases as small-pox and chicken-pox.

Archæologists must be rubbing their heads in Russia. A Scythian brave, in full armour, has been discovered in his tumulus; while in Texas sundry skulls of the three-toed horse—or, in common parlance, the Protophiope—have been found, with backbones to match.

The eland is to be introduced from South Africa into the scrub districts of Australia, which do not afford pasture for ordinary stock. The eland, however, is used to the same kind of diet on the veldt, where his manners have proved unexceptionable and his meat delicious.

Mme. Lecocq, the Viennese lady who proposed again to attempt to swim the Channel, crossed to Dover with her friends last evening, but as her friends also decided to postpone her projected swim till next year, owing to the continued unsettled state of the weather.

According to "The Journal des Debats," the ex-Queen of Madagascar is not exempt from a form of worry brought by the anxious state of young hopefuls. The journals of officers contain a notice to the effect that she will not be responsible in future for any debts contracted by her nephew Rakoto.

A war of extermination has been going on in Denmark for some time against rats, which have caused much damage to property. A number of men mentioned in the way of rat-traps and the like have been offered to the public, and this has suggested the idea in Copenhagen of an exhibition of rat-traps, which will be opened to-day.

Australia leads the way in the suppression of the juvenile smoker. The Government of Victoria has decided to insert a clause in the licence of tobacco sellers forbidding them under a penalty of £100 to trade with children under 16. Placing principle above profit the Melbourne Tobaccoists' Association has almost unanimously concurred in the new regulation.

The municipal accounts of Bradford for last financial year show a profit not much under £200,000. It is therefore with some surprise that we hear that Bradford's rates are more than 7s. in the pound. The most paying item would appear to be municipal lighting. The gas and electricity are at the rate of £1,350,000 on an expenditure of £150,000. In Manchester the corresponding profit is nearly £32,000.

the average amount of time which an insect takes to lay its eggs. The eight test for *Militia recraita* is made more severe. The registered, while paupers receive only one-third of the average. The wool is to be perfectly proportioned a man should weigh 225 lb. for every foot of height. The average weight of an Englishman is 150 lb. The average weight of a man of 30 is 167 lb. The average weight of a man of 40 is 182 lb. The average weight of a man of 50 is 197 lb. The average weight of a man of 60 is 212 lb. The average weight of a man of 70 is 227 lb. The average weight of a man of 80 is 242 lb. The average weight of a man of 90 is 257 lb. The average weight of a man of 100 is 272 lb. The average weight of a man of 110 is 287 lb. The average weight of a man of 120 is 302 lb. The average weight of a man of 130 is 317 lb. The average weight of a man of 140 is 332 lb. The average weight of a man of 150 is 347 lb. The average weight of a man of 160 is 362 lb. The average weight of a man of 170 is 377 lb. The average weight of a man of 180 is 392 lb. The average weight of a man of 190 is 407 lb. The average weight of a man of 200 is 422 lb. The average weight of a man of 210 is 437 lb. The average weight of a man of 220 is 452 lb. The average weight of a man of 230 is 467 lb. The average weight of a man of 240 is 482 lb. The average weight of a man of 250 is 497 lb. The average weight of a man of 260 is 512 lb. The average weight of a man of 270 is 527 lb. The average weight of a man of 280 is 542 lb. The average weight of a man of 290 is 557 lb. The average weight of a man of 300 is 572 lb. The average weight of a man of 310 is 587 lb. The average weight of a man of 320 is 602 lb. The average weight of a man of 330 is 617 lb. The average weight of a man of 340 is 632 lb. The average weight of a man of 350 is 647 lb. The average weight of a man of 360 is 662 lb. The average weight of a man of 370 is 677 lb. The average weight of a man of 380 is 692 lb. The average weight of a man of 390 is 707 lb. The average weight of a man of 400 is 722 lb. The average weight of a man of 410 is 737 lb. The average weight of a man of 420 is 752 lb. The average weight of a man of 430 is 767 lb. The average weight of a man of 440 is 782 lb. The average weight of a man of 450 is 797 lb. The average weight of a man of 460 is 812 lb. The average weight of a man of 470 is 827 lb. The average weight of a man of 480 is 842 lb. The average weight of a man of 490 is 857 lb. The average weight of a man of 500 is 872 lb. The average weight of a man of 510 is 887 lb. The average weight of a man of 520 is 902 lb. The average weight of a man of 530 is 917 lb. The average weight of a man of 540 is 932 lb. The average weight of a man of 550 is 947 lb. The average weight of a man of 560 is 962 lb. The average weight of a man of 570 is 977 lb. The average weight of a man of 580 is 992 lb. The average weight of a man of 590 is 1007 lb. The average weight of a man of 600 is 1022 lb. The average weight of a man of 610 is 1037 lb. The average weight of a man of 620 is 1052 lb. The average weight of a man of 630 is 1067 lb. The average weight of a man of 640 is 1082 lb. The average weight of a man of 650 is 1097 lb. The average weight of a man of 660 is 1112 lb. The average weight of a man of 670 is 1127 lb. The average weight of a man of 680 is 1142 lb. The average weight of a man of 690 is 1157 lb. The average weight of a man of 700 is 1172 lb. The average weight of a man of 710 is 1187 lb. The average weight of a man of 720 is 1202 lb. The average weight of a man of 730 is 1217 lb. The average weight of a man of 740 is 1232 lb. The average weight of a man of 750 is 1247 lb. The average weight of a man of 760 is 1262 lb. The average weight of a man of 770 is 1277 lb. The average weight of a man of 780 is 1292 lb. The average weight of a man of 790 is 1307 lb. The average weight of a man of 800 is 1322 lb. The average weight of a man of 810 is 1337 lb. The average weight of a man of 820 is 1352 lb. The average weight of a man of 830 is 1367 lb. The average weight of a man of 840 is 1382 lb. The average weight of a man of 850 is 1397 lb. The average weight of a man of 860 is 1412 lb. The average weight of a man of 870 is 1427 lb. The average weight of a man of 880 is 1442 lb. The average weight of a man of 890 is 1457 lb. The average weight of a man of 900 is 1472 lb. The average weight of a man of 910 is 1487 lb. The average weight of a man of 920 is 1502 lb. The average weight of a man of 930 is 1517 lb. The average weight of a man of 940 is 1532 lb. The average weight of a man of 950 is 1547 lb. The average weight of a man of 960 is 1562 lb. The average weight of a man of 970 is 1577 lb. The average weight of a man of 980 is 1592 lb. The average weight of a man of 990 is 1607 lb. The average weight of a man of 1000 is 1622 lb.

TO PROTECT PLATINUM.—It will which is now under consideration in Germany will greatly interest Americans and photographers. As everyone knows, the supply of platinum is very limited. It is an essential material in electrical work, and is largely used in photography. The proposition provides that, since it is so essential to electrical work, its sale in photographic shops where it is not essential should be forbidden, so as not to diminish what is at best the scanty supply available for the work that cannot do without it.

COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE.—Some startling revelations are made in an annual report of the professor of English at one of the leading institutions of higher education in England. He tested a class consisting of 40 young men, of whom the following results were obtained: The following recitation plays by Shakespeare, 16 could not name the author of "In Memoriam," 23 could not name the author "The Mill on the Floss," 28 could mention the title of anything written by Ruskin, and 34 could tell the date of the publication of the last single poem by either Wordsworth or Browning.

JEWELLERIES WHO POSSESS JEWELS.—Pearl Arthur Paget possesses the most perfect necklace in the world. The necklace of Lichester has a necklace of black pearls, once the property of the Empress Eugenie. The emeralds of Mrs. Bradley Martin are valued at £7,000. The Countess of Craven has five necklaces set with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and pearls, valued at £10,000. The largest turquoise in the world belongs to Lady Wharfedale, and is inscribed with Persian hieroglyphics, and Madame Calvé has a valuable necklace composed of rough pearls and Egyptian turquoise scarabs, one of which is as old as the Sphinx.

ARSENIC IN THE HAIR.—From recent researches of Prof. G. B. Sarras, of Paris, we learn that arsenic acts as a means of effecting arsenical poisoning by beer, the absorption of the drug in hair rose to part in 10,000. While the presence of the hair apparently forming a natural channel for the excretion of arsenic is noble, it may reveal the fact that this line of research is of value in other directions. The skin is well known as an organ of excretion of bodily waste, but the fact that the hair shows this function novel.

A GIANT STORK.—Two examples of the great American stork, which arrives from Afr. to Afr., have just arrived at the Zoo. One of them was a magnificent specimen; the bird contrasts with its scrawny companions generally. Its scientific name, *Myrictia*, means "turning up nose," which name has been given to it, not on account of any moral peculiarity, but simply because the bill is rather tip-tilted. This is not the case with the rest of the least of the nose-up-turning kind; it will, in dose, accept thankfully any kind of food that Providence may chance send it. The bird, though it has voice, yet makes a great deal of noise, for it snaps its bill a great deal.

THE SHIP THAT FAILED.—The returns issued from Lloyd's registry for three months show that there had been 229 vessels removed, the carrying capacity of the former is four times as great as that of the latter. The wastage is divided fairly equally between steamships and sailing ships, but the vessels floated are practically all steam propelled. Fifty per cent. of the tonnage of the floating wrecks, fires and collisions also claiming a good proportion. During the quarter only 47 tons out of 10,000 tons were lost to Great Britain, while 316 tons lost to Italy, 67 to the United States, 64 to France, and 36 to Germany.

THE LUNATIC AND THE CAMERA.—A party of Birmingham gentlemen went recently to visit the lunatic asylum, and they saw the inmates at cricket after the match they were met by a quiet, unassuming individual carrying a camera, who asked if he might photograph them. They consented, and after some trouble were seated, and the lens was exposed. After remaining in their cramped quarters for twenty minutes, and in the ordering of the abnormal length of exposure, an official of the asylum arrived upon the scene, and walked to the operator, explaining that he was one of the lunatics, who had a weakness for photography, but that his camera had no plate in it.

THE LANGUAGE-PHONE.—A happy thought to utilize the phonograph in teaching languages has been conceived by an educator recently. He had more pupils than he could attend to personally, but by superimposing he soon found that he could make a "record" which would unteach as clearly and sonorously as a own voice. His pupils are now learning languages at home. He supplies each with a phonograph, ten copies of the record, and a book, says "The Caxton Magazine."

The boy utters the eye and the phonograph specific sound repeated he merely is to stop the motor and move the slider back to the sound required be repeated.

M.P.'S SOLD COMFORTS.—The Kitchen Committee of the House Commons this week issued its brief at extensive report of the session showing that 21,415 luncheon, 33,335 dinners, 3 suppers, 40,050 teas, and 6,240 meals at bars had been served, making a grand total of 104,703. The period covered is scarcely six months, and consequently the meals amounted over 1,600 per diem. It is safe to say that many of the members are comforted by the service. Some complaint is heard that preparations are entered for a great deal too cheaply. This is supported by the fact that the usual call on the "subsidy" allowed for under the vote for the First Commissioner of Works, amounting this session to the sum of £1,153,000.

STOCK MARKET

Saturday Afternoon.

MINING.

Lombard-st. there have been reports of stringency during the week due to dividend disbursements, and the requirements of the Exchange settlement. However, the heavy supply, and rates for long money and short futures are the levels of last week end. The return created a favourable impression, the influx of gold from abroad, and the return of the money into the market. During the day work, selling the gold and the proportion of reserve to total circulation is now well over 50 per cent. at 44 per cent a year ago.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Bonds have been in demand during the last few days on behalf of large small investors. The latter have been tempted in by the recent low prices of premier security, while large holders have been taken by the houses of the market who are understood to be investing the balances received from the liquidation of the Bank of France in British securities. There is very little business doing, although which has been witnessed in the last few days is due to the fall in the value of the premium. Brazilian are very, with some good inquiries for the 5 per cent. Minas Bonds, which are at 100. German 3½ per cent. are at 100. There is a demand for a class of exaggeration surrounds the 5 per cent. financial trouble in Berlin. That there is trouble in Germany is not to be denied, but it is questionable whether it is as widespread as folks would have us believe.

RUSSIAN RAILWAYS.

The "bears" in this market have rather badly cornered, and their eagerness to get in anyhow are responsible for most of the advances which have taken place in this list. I have recently explained the "dangereux" surrounding "bear" the formation of the market, and the selling of the Russian railway bonds to squeeze out the market, but misguided, individuals is but further confirmation of the contention. The weekly traffic has been rather good, but they have little real influence in the market. Though coal bills are likely to be much lower in the future, it is to be remembered that many of the have to pay for the necessary expenditure upon repairs, renewals, and additional equipment, which, in most cases, will mean fresh additions to the cost, which will, in the not far distant, rank for dividends.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS.

Well-st. appears to be recovering from the shocks which a bad crop and the steel-trust have been active in the market. The traffic in the market is growing, and although dealers are still within narrow limits the tendency on the part of outsiders is to get into this market. The steel trust is still on, but the general opinion is that it will flake out before long, despite the reported acceptance to the ranks of the strikers of the thousands of additional men who pledged themselves to remain at work. The Trust magnates have dictated the situation throughout as though they were masters of it, and men's advisers and leaders are generally discredited. Soft coals, especially Norfolk, are worth watching as the combine is likely to come to this issue. The effort and Union face are well thought of in good quarters. A lock-up of Steel Trusts would not prove a bad speculation for those who can afford to wait for their profit.

INDUSTRIALS.

There is very little real business doing in the Miscellaneous Market. American Telephone have been active in the market, rumours, which the president at the shareholders' meeting was unable to confirm that a deal had been fixed up with the P.O. over telephones. That some arrangement would be made is certain, and the N. T. directors are not likely to agree to which will leave the shareholders of the American Telephone Co. with shares again on the up grade, readers will doubtless recollect I directed attention to these shares when they were points below present quotation. To-day they are like a respectable speculative interest. Allisops are easier, in that the forthcoming statement prove unfavourable.

KAFFIRS AND WESTRALIANS.

There has been a considerable amount of interest shown in Kaffirs by the investing of speculative capital, and although the volume of business is still small the belief that time has now come to pay attention to South Africa has been essentially widespread. The advances, so do not amount to very much, but support which the controlling interest is giving to the market is not unannounced. Westralians are showing a little sign of life, while in British umbrian interest centres solely in Whitaker Wright & Co. La Rois, or perhaps, more likely, to a lower level next week.

WEST AFRICAN MINING.

But the feature of the week-end in Mining Market has been the pronounced revival in West African shares. This section seems perfectly well to be taken as the market has been an attractive attention. The 5 per cent. issues have been in demand by London and provincial investors. The Amalgamated Group have been very firm on a rich strike announced by the New Gold Strike Company. Amalgamated, Wazansu, and all the usual shares, and other improvements are looked for. It is said all the good news has not been published. The lower priced shares have also been in demand, the continent taking large blocks of the market. Premiers have rallied a little, but the best market has been in the 5 per cent. issues. These shares have changed hands today at a substantial improvement the overnight price (11s. 6d.). The news that the company has sold off a small portion of its property for a sum equal to twice the amount of the capital. Another and more important will probably be considered next week on terms being satisfactory to the company. At the

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